

REMARKS

The present Amendment rennumbers the claims in the manner as set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action so that now claims 17-32 are pending.

Claims 17-32 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of prior Patent No. 6,083,270. Applicants do not agree with this rejection. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application filed on even date herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer obviating this rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

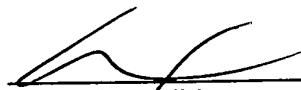
It should be noted that the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features of the present invention as recited in claims are not taught or suggested by the claims of the prior patent. The filing of the Terminal Disclaimer was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 17-32 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 17-32 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (530.37031CP2).

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